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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of  
Fred H. Burbank *et al.*

) Examiner of Parent Application:  
) M. Hindenburg

For: **BREAST BIOPSY SYSTEM AND  
METHODS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-16, 29 and 34-39.

Please replace claims 30, 31 and 33 as indicated below:

sub B. 30. (Amended) A method for retrieving a tissue specimen from a patient's body, comprising the steps of:

AI inserting an instrument having a distal end, a longitudinal axis, and an axially disposed cutting element into the patient's body, so that the distal end is disposed in a tissue region from which the tissue specimen is to be taken;

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